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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 29th March 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half past two of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Minor Irrigation works under National Extension Service in Chingleput district.

* 450 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any provision has been made for the execution of repairs to and for the improvement of irrigation sources under the National Extension Service in Tiruvellore taluk, Chingleput district; and

(b) if so, the number of works taken up for execution during the year 1953–54 and proposed to be taken up in 1954–55 and the amount allotted for each work under the National Extension Service?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes. No provision has been made for 1953–54 as the survey of the Blocks is going on and a list of irrigation sources to be taken up for repair or improvement is being got ready. So, a number of works will be taken up during 1954–55.

" (b) The investigation of the Minor Irrigation works to be taken up under the National Extension Service in the two Blocks in the Chingleput district has not yet been completed. A list will soon be drawn up."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has stated that there is provision under the National Extension Service for the execution of repairs to irrigation sources. But no such repair works have been taken up ever since the National Extension Service was introduced in the Tiruvellore taluk of Chingleput district. Is it a fact that the policy of the present Government is to have much pleasure and to be specially interested in continuing the breaches and keeping quiet without repairing them?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" All these remarks of the hon. Member are wholly unwarranted. There was no provision for irrigation works under the former Firka Development Programme. But we are introducing irrigation as an item for development under the National Extension Service. National Extension Service was inaugurated only in October last. Since then, investigation of small minor irrigation works has been made and, therefore, I have said that that work will be taken up next year."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to furnish to the M.L.As. of the Chingleput district a copy of the list of works which are going to be undertaken in the year 1954–55? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall do so when the Budget for the next year has been finalised."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is there any possibility of including this work in Tiruvellore taluk in the programme for next year at least? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered this question in my reply to clause (*b*) of the main question."

Development of silk industry.

* 451 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the amount allotted for the development of silk industry in the State out of the sum received from the Handloom Cess Fund?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No amount has been allotted for the development of silk industry in the State from out of this State's share of Cess Fund."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" பட்டுத் துணி நெய்யக்கூடிய தொழிலாளர்கள் இந்த ராஜ்யத்தில் 2,500 பேருக்கு மேல் இருந்தும் செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து ஏன் இவர்களுக்கு நிவாரணம் அளிக்க பணம் ஒதுக்கப்படவில்லை ? இந்தத் தொழிலை அபிவிருத்தி பண்ணுவதற்கு சர்க்காரால் என்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Technically speaking, the silk industry people are also entitled to a share from the Cess Fund. But the All-India Handloom Board to whom the work of distributing the amount of this Cess Fund has been entrusted by the Government of India has stated that the development of silk weaving is not its responsibility. The development of the silk industry is the responsibility of the Central Silk Board and the funds required for the development of that industry are being separately allotted. A separate question may be asked as to the various measures that are taken to improve the silk industry."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" In view of the answer of the Hon. Minister that the silk industry also deserves certain help from the Cess Fund, may I know whether this Government took any steps to place their views before the Handloom Board? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I did not say that it deserved help. I said that technically speaking, that industry also was entitled to help, but that the All-India Handloom Board did not recognize that fact."